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Serial No.: 10/004,268

Examiner: ARTI SINGH

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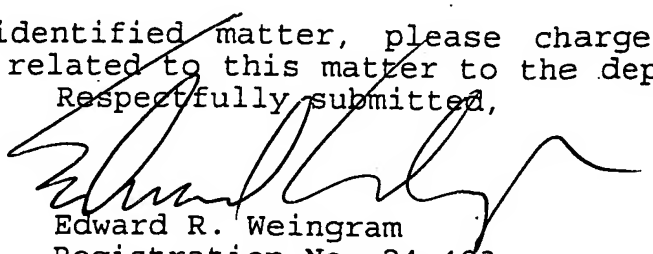
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In connection with the above-identified matter, please charge any additional fees or any other charges related to this matter to the deposit account of the writer, No. 23-0812. Respectfully submitted,

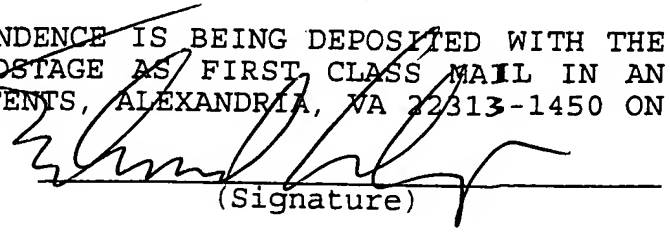

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Arnold M. Shulman
Serial No.: 10/004,268
Filed: November 2, 2001
For: Moisture-Resistant, Shape-Retaining Fabric, Ribbon
and Bow and Process For Manufacturing Same

Examiner: Arti Singh
Group Art Unit: 1771

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the second restriction requirement mailed February 19 2004, applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, Claims 19-23 of Group II at this time.

REMARKS

The undersigned counsel expresses her thanks to the Examiner for her courtesy during a telephone conference on March 3, 2004 regarding the restriction requirement.

As discussed, applicant elected Group II (Claims 19-23), with traverse, for examination in its response to the first Restriction Requirement mailed August 26, 2003. The Examiner explained that the second Restriction Requirement sets forth a different basis for restriction than the first Restriction Requirement, and therefore, applicant's prior election was not effective. The Examiner further indicated that a written response to the second Restriction Requirement was required.

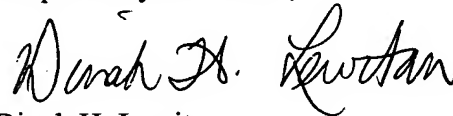
Accordingly, applicant hereby elects Group II, Claims 19-23, with traverse, for examination at this time.

Even if the Examiner were to persist in the belief that these two groups of claims should be restricted, it is worth noting that the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure states:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even if it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions. [MPEP 803, emphasis added].

In view of the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the requirement for restriction is unsustainable and should be withdrawn. Reconsideration of the restriction requirement and examination of all the claims on their merits is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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